

**ABSTRACT**

A method and apparatus for automatically selecting a transmission protocol for audio and/or data signal captured for transmission at a remote location. The method and apparatus detects the presence of a first priority transmission system and automatically selects the first priority system if it is present, but will select a secondary default system if the first priority system is not available. The method and apparatus of the invention also permits default to a secondary system if the first priority system is available but is inactive for any reason. Multiple priority levels may be implemented. Both wired and wireless transmission systems may be utilized.

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